

MINUTES OF THE

OAK RIDGE BEER PERMIT BOARD
Regular Meeting

Central Services Complex Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
5:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Wende Doolittle, Chair; Chip Dooley, Vice-Chair; Raynauld Cherry; Pam Layne; and Rodney Nelson

ABSENT: Richard Bell, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Hickman, Staff Liaison

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Savannah Meade, ASAP of Anderson

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Wende Doolittle called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Staff Liaison Beth Hickman completed the calling of the roll. In the absence of Secretary Richard Bell, Vice-Chair Dooley moved that Raynauld Cherry serve as Acting Secretary. Mr. Nelson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 1, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Manager Application for Leah Hunter, The Backyard

Ms. Hunter made application as an additional manager at The Backyard. She stated that the business would be hand-stamping patrons who are between the ages of 18 and 21, and that there is only one way in and one way out of the establishment, so the person working at the bar will be able to see and check the identification of everyone that they are serving.

Vice-Chair Dooley moved to approve the Manager application, and Mr. Nelson seconded. The application was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Beer Permit Application for Rancho Nuevo Mexican Restaurant, 299 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Martha Leticia Lazaro Lopez, Owner; and Manager Application for Maria Del Rayo Lopez

Ms. Lopez, owner of the establishment, stated that the business' hours would be 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and they would be serving breakfast. They also would like to sell beer in cans to go, so their permit application was changed from Class C to Class F. Ms. Lopez also stated that there were two items that they needed to fix before they could pass their life safety inspection, and Staff Liaison Beth Hickman stated that the City is also awaiting the results of Maria Lopez's background check.

Vice-Chair Dooley moved to approve the permit and manager applications contingent upon passage of the Life Safety Inspection and the background check results, and Mr. Nelson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Manager Application for Juan Diaz Guzman, Cancun Mexican Grill and Bar

This application was deferred as Mr. Guzman was not in attendance.

REPORT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department had no incidents to report.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

(NONE)


ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board set its next regular meeting for Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. There will also be a special called meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 12:30 in the Municipal Building Training Room at 200 S. Tulane Avenue for the purpose of considering a Beer Permit Application for United Way of Anderson County as they have changed locations and the law requires them to submit a new application.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Acting Secretary